

Mr. McArthur presented through Mr. Walter nine photographs of models of ornaments for the Public Buildings.

Pending nomination No. 791 and new nomination No. 792 were read.

The minutes of the last meeting of the Board of Officers and Council were read.

Mr. Blodget, from the Committee on the Progress of Science Exhibition at the Centennial, reported that his Committee had met, and would act with a committee appointed by the Acad. Nat. Science, Phila. (Dr. Le Conte, Mr. C. E. Smith, Mr. W. Vaux), and he read a paper expressing the views of the joint committee, and explained that a room 24' by 48' in the southeast end of the Main Building, up-stairs, had been appropriated by the Commission to their use, and there was good reason to believe that learned Societies would respond cordially enough to fill this room.

Prof. Campbell disclaimed for the Commission all responsibility, except for guaranteeing the right of placing whatever it saw fit in this room by the joint committee.

Prof. Fraley said that an application would be made to the Society for permission to exhibit its Elliot Bible.

There being no other business, the meeting adjourned.

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*Stated Meeting, March 3, 1876.*

Present, 10 members.

Mr. Eli K. Price in the Chair.

Letters of acknowledgment were received from Dr. Jacob Bigelow (95); Silliman's Journal (95); the Smithsonian Institution (95); the Emden Society (92); and the Physical Society in Berlin (87 to 91; xiv, 3, xi, 1).

Letters of envoy was received from the Coast Survey; from the Physical Society in Berlin; and from the

Royal Irish Society, requesting missing Parts 2 of Vol. iii, 1

of xiii, and 2 of xiv, to complete the set, which was on motion so ordered; also from

The K. Leop. Car. Deutsch Akademie der Naturforscher requesting exchanges, having only Trans. Vol. I. O. S. 1769. The request was referred to the Publication Committee with power to act; also from

A. J. Holman & Co., 930 Arch street, tendering a request for the loan of the Elliot Bible in the Library of the Society. The request was referred to the Library Committee with power to act.

The request of the Philadelphia College of Pharmacy for No. 93 to complete their set, was granted.

Donations for the Library were received from the Geological Institute at Vienna; the Leop. Car. German Academy at Dresden; the Prussian Academy, and Horticultural Society, and Herr Schwalbe of Berlin; the Society at Emden; the Belgian Academy; the Geographical Society and Reviews in Paris; the R. Astronomical and Geographical Societies in London; the Natural History Society at New Castle; the R. Irish Academy; the Boston Society N. H.; the Cambridge Museum C. Z.; Silliman's Journal; American Chemist; Dr. J. S. Newberry; Poughkeepsie Society of Natural Sciences (ordered to be placed on the list to receive the Proceedings); Journal of Pharmacy; Penn Monthly; U. S. Department of the Interior; U. S. Coast Survey; Georgia Historical Society, and the San Francisco Mercantile Library Association.

Mr. Wootten communicated, through Dr. Cresson, a paper on the successful use of anthracite coal-dirt on a new form of locomotive, drawing coal trains, on the Reading Railway, and described on the blackboard the form of fire-box floor, draft tuyeres, absence of exhaust and smoke stack, length of flame, &c., &c.

Pending nominations Nos. 792, 793 were read, and the meeting was adjourned.